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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS-REQUEST FOR U.S. DATA ON CANNED
MUSHROOMS AND CANNED CLAMS

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PASS S.T.R. ELECTRONICALLY

1. THE KOREA CANNED GOODS EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION (KCGEA) HAS
RENEWED ITS REQUEST (REFTEL) FOR MONTHLY U.S. IMPORT STATISTICS
(ARRIVALS) FOR CANNED MUSHROOMS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN
CONNECTION WITH REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARILY RESTRAINTS, U.S.G.
UNDERTOOK TO ASSIST ROKG BY ROUTINELY PROVIDING ARRIVAL STATISTICS
ON A MONTHLY BASIS AS THEY BECAME AVAILABLE.

2. KCGEA ADDITIONALLY REQUESTS MONTHLY ARRIVAL DATA FOR
CANNED BABY CLAMS (TSUS 11405) FOR WHICH G.S.P. TREATMENT HAS
BEEN LOST IN 1978 AS THE RESULT OF COMPETITIVE NEED PROVISIONS
OF THE TRADE ACT. ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT JAPANESE EXPORTERS
IN 1977 DIVERTED CANNED CLAMS FROM THE U.S. TO OTHER MARKETS
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IN ORDER THAT KOREAN EXPORTS WOULD EXCEED 50 PERCENT. KOREA
IN FACT LOST GSP TREATMENT ON THE BASIS OF REACHING 51 PERCENT
OF U.S. IMPORTS OF CANNED CLAMS. ASSOCIATION DESIRES TO RECEIVE
CURRENT U.S. ARRIVAL DATA IN ORDER TO PACE ITS EXPORTS TO THOSE
OF JAPAN TO ASSURE THAT THEY DO NOT AGAIN EXCEED 50 PERCENT OF
U.S. IMPORTS IN 1978. EVIDENTLY JAPANESE CANNED CLAMS ARE STILL
PRICE COMPETITIVE WITH KOREAN ONES, HENCE 14 PERCENT AD

VALOREM DUTY ADVANTAGE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT TO ROK EXPORTERS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT STR/CUSTOMS ARRANGE TO FORWARD
CANNED MUSHROOM AND CANNED CLAM U.S. ARRIVAL DATA ON A ROUTINE
BASIS FOR TRANSMISSION TO KCGEA AND ROKG AND THAT STR REVIEW
THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED CONTROLS ON CANNED MUSHROOM IMPORTS
AS REQUESTED REFTEL.
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